

Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Date: November 19, 2015

Members Present:

Chris O’Keefe, Committee Chairman/NHC Planning and Inspections
Carol Stein, Pender County
Al Sharp, City of Wilmington
Joe Boyd, Town of Belville
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Tom Campbell, Carolina Beach
Shawn Spencer, New Hanover County
Adrienne Harrington, UNCW
Matt Hogan, North Carolina Board of Transportation
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclist

Additional Guests:

Josh Lopez, WMPO
Bethel Paris, Cape Fear Cyclist
Suzanne Black, AARP

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2015

- Mr. Sharp made the motion to approve the minutes for the October 15, 2015 meeting. Mr. Campbell second the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

- NC Bike Safety Rules Committee – Mr. O’Keefe provided an update to the Committee on their progress. They have a draft resolution on laws that affect cyclist in North Carolina. MR. O’Keefe provided an overview of the resolution, highlighting that the resolution recommends that riders are to have a rear light on the bike.

4. New Business

- Elections – Mr. Whitney discussed the nominating process and the individuals nominated for the Vice Chair and Chair position. The nominating committee presented the group with the following slate, “Chris O’Keefe as the Chair and Adrienne Harrington as the Vice Chair.” Mr. Sharp made the motion to accept the recommendations of the nominating committee. Mr. Hogan second the motion and it carried unanimously.
- World Health Organization and Walkability Audit, Suzanne Black, AARP - Ms. Black gave a presentation on the benefits of joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities. She explained how Wilmington and the surrounding coastal communities will benefit by seeking designation as an Age-Friendly Community.

- Ad-Hoc Committee – Mr. Sharp suggested determining what it would take to systematically link the communities in regards to bicycle and pedestrian facilities, through an ad-hoc committee. Mr. O’Keefe stated that he would form the subcommittee to explore opportunities within the region at the next meeting.

5. Announcements

- Cape Fear Cyclist – Mr. Schroetel discussed the Tour De Blueberry event and how the proceeds were distributed, a new project with the Town of Navassa regarding the Gullah-Geechee culture and the developing the City of Wilmington’s first bike carousel.

6. Next meeting

- December 17, 2015

7. Adjournment

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